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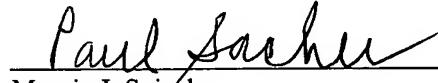
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	AP	2000-267536	09/29/2000	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
	AQ	62-201489	09/05/1987	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
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